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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SNEIDER

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SUBJECT: DEFENSE MINISTER BARNARD'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

REF: CANBERRA 6482

1. I HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH FERNANDEZ ON NORTHWEST CAPE NEGOTIATIONS. HE HAS NOT YET RECEIVED PAPER SENT NOVEMBER 27 BUT EXPECTS IT EARLY NEXT WEEK. WE THEN PLAN TO DISCUSS IT PRIVATELY BEFORE GETTING INVOLVED WITH BROADER COMMUNITY INTERESTED IN NORTHWEST CAPE.

2. TIMING OF PRITCHETT VISIT HERE IN ADVANCE OF BARNARD WILL DEPEND UPON HOW FAR APART WE ARE.

3. WILL KEEP YOU PRIVATELY INFORMED FOR PRESENT. WOULD PREFER TO HANDLE THIS STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS VERY CLOSELY, ALTHOUGH OBVIOUSLY OTHERS WILL NEED TO BE BROUGHT IN AT APPROPRIATE TIME. THIS ALSO SUITS AUSSIES, ACCORDING TO FERNANDEZ. I AM KEEPING IN CLOSE TOUCH
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WITH DENNIS DOOLIN WHO HAS AGREED ON THIS PROCEDURE.

4. WE WILL BE SEEING ADMIRAL BOYES BEFORE HE LEAVES
WASHINGTON. DOOLIN AND I HAVE AGREED THAT HE WILL STICK
TO TECHNICAL PROBLEMS DURING HIS VISIT TO AUSTRALIA,
LEAVING US WITH BROADER POLITICAL ASPECTS OF NORTHWEST
CAPE PROBLEM. HOPE THIS ARRANGEMENT IS AGREEABLE TO YOU.
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